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30th Medical Brigade Gets New Commander

Heidelberg, Germany – Colonel David A. Rubenstein took command of the US Army 30th Medical Brigade today in Heidelberg, Germany. He previously served as Chief of Staff, Europe Regional Medical Command. The command is responsible for the operation of Army hospitals and health clinics throughout Germany, Belgium, Italy, and the Balkans.

The 30th Medical Brigade is a rapidly deployable, integrated medical task force that provides quality combat health support during deployed military operations. It also augments the European-based healthcare system. The medical brigade has recently been active in support of operations in Albania, Macedonia, and Kosovo. Most recently it was responsible for combat health support in Iraq supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Among other assignments Rubenstein has previously commanded Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, the 21st Combat Support Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas, Task Force Med Eagle, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 18th Surgical Hospital (MASH), Fort Lewis, Washington, and Headquarters Company, 307th Medical Battalion (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Rubenstein is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the Army War College. He has earned a Masters Degree in Health Administration from Baylor University and a Masters Degree in Military Art and Science from the Army’s Command and General Staff College.

In addition to twice receiving the Legion of Merit and numerous other U.S. and foreign decorations he has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge, Master and Canadian Parachutist Badges, Ranger Tab, The Surgeon General’s “A” professional proficiency designator, Army Staff Identification Badge, German Military Proficiency Badge in Gold, German Schutzenschnur (marksmanship badge), and German Sports Badge.

Among his honors are the Order of Military Medical Merit, Federal Excellence in Healthcare Leadership Award, Regent’s Healthcare Executive Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives, and the Medical Service Corps Chief’s Award of Excellence. He is listed in four *Who’s Who* publications and has been included in *Modern Healthcare’s* 2003 list of the 100 most influential people in healthcare.

A board certified healthcare executive, Rubenstein is a Fellow in the 30,000 member American College of Healthcare Executives and is a Governor on the College’s Board of Governors. He also serves as the healthcare administration consultant to the Army Surgeon General.

Rubenstein has authored professional articles, has two books on military medical history in progress, and has served as a book reviewer in such professional military journals as *Military Review*, *Army*, and *Military Medicine*.